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CHILDREN'S rights are human rights for children. Human rights are basic standards to which every person is entitled, to survive and develop in dignity. The United Nations set a universal standard for human rights with the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Since then, a number of human rights treaties have been developed to recognize the basic rights of all persons. Children have these rights, too. Children (under age 18) also have specific rights, recognized in the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child, given their vulnerability and dependence. All children's human rights apply to all children at all times, without exception. The provision and protection of children's Convention rights is the primary responsibility of governments at all levels, and realizing the promise of the Convention is an ongoing, progressive commitment. The Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out these rights in 54 articles and in a set of Optional Protocols.

UNICEF's Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Nils Arne Kastberg is on the island this week

upon the invitation of Minister Paul Croes. Mr. Kastberg will meet with several institutions, including government and non-government departments, organizations, media, clergy and most importantly, the youth. "Mr. NielsKatsberg is on the island to offer support to Aruba and execute the integral plan for the youth of our country. We can do a lot by ourselves but we welcome any international support that we can get," said Mr. Paul Croes.

Mr. NielsKatsberg has many years of experience and helped many countries implement plans for the management on the Right of the Child and Youth.

"We are very excited with the support we are receiving from UNICEF but at the end we all need to work together to put this plan into action. Right of the Child is Our Responsibility.

Aruba complies optimally with the Declaration of the Right of the Child, we are qualified to receive this support from UNICEF, but the Right of the Child, care and protection against all kind of abuse, is our responsibility," declared the Minister of Youth, Mr. Paul Croes.



PIRATE OF THE CARIBBEAN

Silence on children's rights violation

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"THE silence on children's violation is the greatest pirate in the Caribbean," said UNICEF's Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Nils Arne Katsberg.

Mr. Nils Katsberg is currently on the island to offer support and execute an vital plan for the youth of Aruba.

This week, Mr. Katsberg will be meeting with different institutions, including government and non-government departments, organizations, media, clergy and most importantly; the youth. On Monday, he had an informative and interactive session with the local media about their role on children's rights.

A study in Brazil found that more than 60 percent of the media coverage on children and young people are negative. Various forms of media tend to highlight news about young criminals, addiction, or any form of negative involvement regarding young individuals.

However, there are often unvoiced opinions in addressing where these problems derive from. Issues such as neglect, as well as sexual and physical abuse, are all crucial yet ignored taboos. In order to break that silence, the media plays an important role. Therefore, sharing successful stories and positive developments in the news are equally essential in promoting the youth on Aruba.



Inspiring Session

We have our first speaker – Varelle Croes



VARELLE is an Aruban born and raised tech entrepreneur. She is the founder and CEO of New York based venture firm, The Liv Group.

The Liv Group is built upon a global community of forward-thinking founders and mentors, who are changing the way we think, live and do business. In 2015, The Liv Group launched a startup studio pilot in New York to accelerate early-stage technology-enabled startups in the collaborative economy space.

Varelle also Co Founded ATECH (Aruba Technology). She believes innovation and education are no longer distinct. To build a

sustainable society in the new economy, communities and organizations should invest in the tools and resources to support learning, curiosity and experimentation at all ages.

Varelle is a tough leader on the new economy, and has been featured in Forbes magazine and other international publications. She was named a global change maker by the World Bank Youth Steering Committee and leads an independent working group that focuses on innovative finance solutions for women entrepreneurs in developing countries.

As a Private Equity and Growth Equity expert with over a decade of experience in Financial Services, Varelle has spearheaded billion dollar global deals and worked with several of the world's largest investment funds and Fortune 500 companies. Prior to founding The Liv Group, Varelle was a Director of International Tax Financial Services at PricewaterhouseCoopers New York. She started her career in The Netherlands and Aruba as a tax lawyer. Varelle also specializes in LATAM, Caribbean, as well as Emerging markets. She received her master's in Law from Leiden University, The Netherlands.

Phenomenon of sugar daddies and pimps escalating

ACCORDING to Mr. Gino Goeloe of Wit GeleK-

ruis (WGK), there are quite a large issue surrounding sugar daddies and pimps on the island. The number of teenage mothers is declining however they are becoming increasingly younger and the "fathers" are getting older. To bring awareness in the community of this problem, the WGK has produced two TV commercials about this phenomenon.

"We realize that many young or teen mothers have a big age difference with the father of their child. Last year, 58 percent of the fathers of the children of teenage mothers were 21 or older. The oldest age that was registered was 39 years. This means that there is at least 20 years age difference between the teenage mother and the father of the child. There is currently a case where there is a sugar daddy of 59 years. About half of the teenage mothers do not have contact with the father of the child. The number of teenage mothers is declining, but they are becoming younger and the age of the men increases. The increase in the number of HIV infected people is also something to worry about.

The WGK, in cooperation with Kiwanis Palm Beach, Cede Aruba and the VNO, produced two TV commercials. One is about sugar daddies and how they work and the other is about pimps and how they manipulate the girls. Since last Saturday, they are shown in the Renaissance cinema for a month and since Monday they are broadcasted on TV for a period of two months.

Mr. Goeloe, the Director of WGK, said that two more films are being produced. One of them emphasizes on the 'trigger' on Facebook. The focus of the spots is mainly on alcohol. He stated that alcohol is clearly a means of easily manipulating young girls. Looking for sponsors; "At the moments, the spots are being shown only in Renaissance Theater. We hope to find more sponsors so that the spots can be shown in other theaters," said Mr. Goeloe. The WGK thinks that it is the task of parents to protect their children from this danger. Parents should do their best to prevent their child to enter into a sexual relationship with an older man, become addicted to alcohol or drugs, drop out of school and get pregnant at an early age.



MOBILE PHONE **BAN** WHEN DRIVING

MINISTER of Justice, Mr. Arthur Dowers (AVP) will enforce stringent laws on telephone, alcohol and drug use in traffic, as well as on speeding, to reduce the number of traffic accidents. The law to prohibit the use of mobile phones in traffic will be introduced soon.

"Our commitment is to reduce the number of victims and damage to vehicles in accidents with fatal consequences. We have observed an increase in the number of fatalities. There are different reasons that cause the increase of fatal accidents. Using the cellular and especially texting should be completely banned. However, there must also be control on alcohol, drug use and speeding. The debate on right hand driving is also part of this discussion. Our society is accustomed to drive on the right side of the road and in my opinion that should be maintained," stated Dowers. He stated that his team will take additional measurements on these matters. Last year, the police wrote about 15,000 fines versus the past government of 5000 fines. The increase in fines, basically indicates that the police are now taking stringent measures to keep the roads safe.

PROHIBITION

The use of mobile phone is still not prohibited in traffic even though this may be one of the reasons that people get distracted and get involved in accidents. Mr. Dowers argues that the ban on the use of mobile phones in traffic is on the priority list of the Government.

"We will do several changes to the law, including one that forbids people to have a mobile phone in their hands while driving."



Compulsory education is not the same as school attendance

Minister of Education,
Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar

IT Is almost the end of the school year. Friday, July 3rd is the last day of class and on Monday, July 6th, summer break for schools officially begins. However, some students, excluding the graduating students, already have no classes. These students are either at home or "hanging around" aimlessly at the schoolyard. The Minister of Education, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar declared that compulsory education is not the same as school attendance.

She based this declaration on the fact that some schools do not provide lessons or other activities in the last weeks before the summer holidays, especially after the final exam weeks. For example Students of the EPB Oranjestad, can go to school, but since June 16, after the completion of the Central Test (CP) weeks, there are no classes or activities. "The Central Test is actually the last learning activity. After that, there are no more lessons. Teachers are busy finalizing the report cards and also planning for next year school term. Parents, who have no other solution for caring for their children, bring them to school as usual. There may be teachers who let students help with the cleanup or just stay outside on the schoolyard. The choice is then made quickly for most students 'hang out' while waiting to be picked up by their parents.

Minister Winklaar makes clear that the Compulsory Education Ordinance is not drawn that way. "It is an ordinance which requires parents to send their children to school and for schools to accept children without prejudice. No sanction may be imposed on schools. "

Each school has to adhere to the hours as stated in the schedule. She explains that for secondary schools, the students must adhere to the school schedule but this may vary in different schools.

However, primary schools schedules are the same for all. Holidays are periods when schools are officially closed; it has been like this for years. They must adhere to the lesson plan which is approved by SKOA. In any case, the week before the big holiday students should go to school as planned.



Pony Youth Baseball Tournament in Aruba

PONY Baseball and Softball began with organization of the Pony League in Washington, PA in the summer of 1951. This was a transition league for 13-year-old and 14-year-old players. PONY is taken from the first letters of each word in the slogan, "Protect Our Nation's Youth." More than 500,000 players participate in the PONY organization annually.

On July 8-12, Aruba will be the host for the regional Pony youth baseball tournament in the age category Pony Mustang 9-10.

A total of 10 teams will participate in the regional tournament for the honor to represent the Caribbean region in the Pony Mustang World series that will take place in Youngsville, Louisiana August 6-8, 2015.

The participating countries in the regional tournament include Venezuela, St. Martin, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Guatemala and Aruba that will participate with 2 teams.

The Opening parade will take place on July 8th starting at 6 PM in the high rise hotel area to Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment Center where the opening ceremony will take place.

Games will be held at the Pos Chiquito baseball field.




OPENING PARADE & CEREMONY
WEDNESDAY JULY 8
6:00 PM

Opening Parade will head north in front of the High Rise Hotels to Paseo Herencia where opening ceremony will take place.



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A little faith
will take you
to heaven,
Full faith will
bring heaven
to you

Journey of a Sathguru

Brahmrishi Shri Guruvanandji Swamy's (Shri Gurudev) spiritual journey began in his infancy under miraculous circumstances. Yogiraj Devraha Baba, one of the most esteemed saints of recent times, brought Shri Gurudev to his ashram to save his life from a terminal illness. Devraha Baba predicted that the young child one day would achieve the pinnacle of spirituality and he will use that divine energy to serve humanity.

Yogiraj's predictions have come true. Shri Gurudev has invoked all the Chakras (spiritual power centres) of his Kundalini (primal energy) and with 45 years of spiritual discipline (Sadhana) he has acquired all the Siddhis, the perfected spiritual powers of the ancient Vedic Sages.

Shri Gurudev is using the enormous divine energy that he has acquired, to help those in distress and to uplift the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the globe. He has travelled to over 172 countries to enrich people with the art of living a moral and spiritual life. Shri Gurudev's mission is to guide us to liberation from the cycle of birth and death while we fulfill our worldly duties.

Shri Gurudev holds numerous degrees including M.Tech. from IIT, PhD in Astrology and Masters in Sanskrit, Vedas, and Literature. He has participated in several international religious conferences, including the "All Religion World Conferences" where he has been honored with the "Best Personality" gold medal seven times.

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Blessings Can Change Both The
Direction And Destiny Of Your
Life.

Saturday, June 27th 2015
Blessings by Gurudev
7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Free Admission
Language: Hindi

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Palm Beach
Noord, Aruba


Sunday, June 28th 2015
Blessings by Gurudev
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Free Admission
Language: Hindi & English

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Journey Of Your Soul

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Brahmrishi Shri Guruvanandji Swamy (Shri Gurudev)



Young exhibitors in TopCar showroom



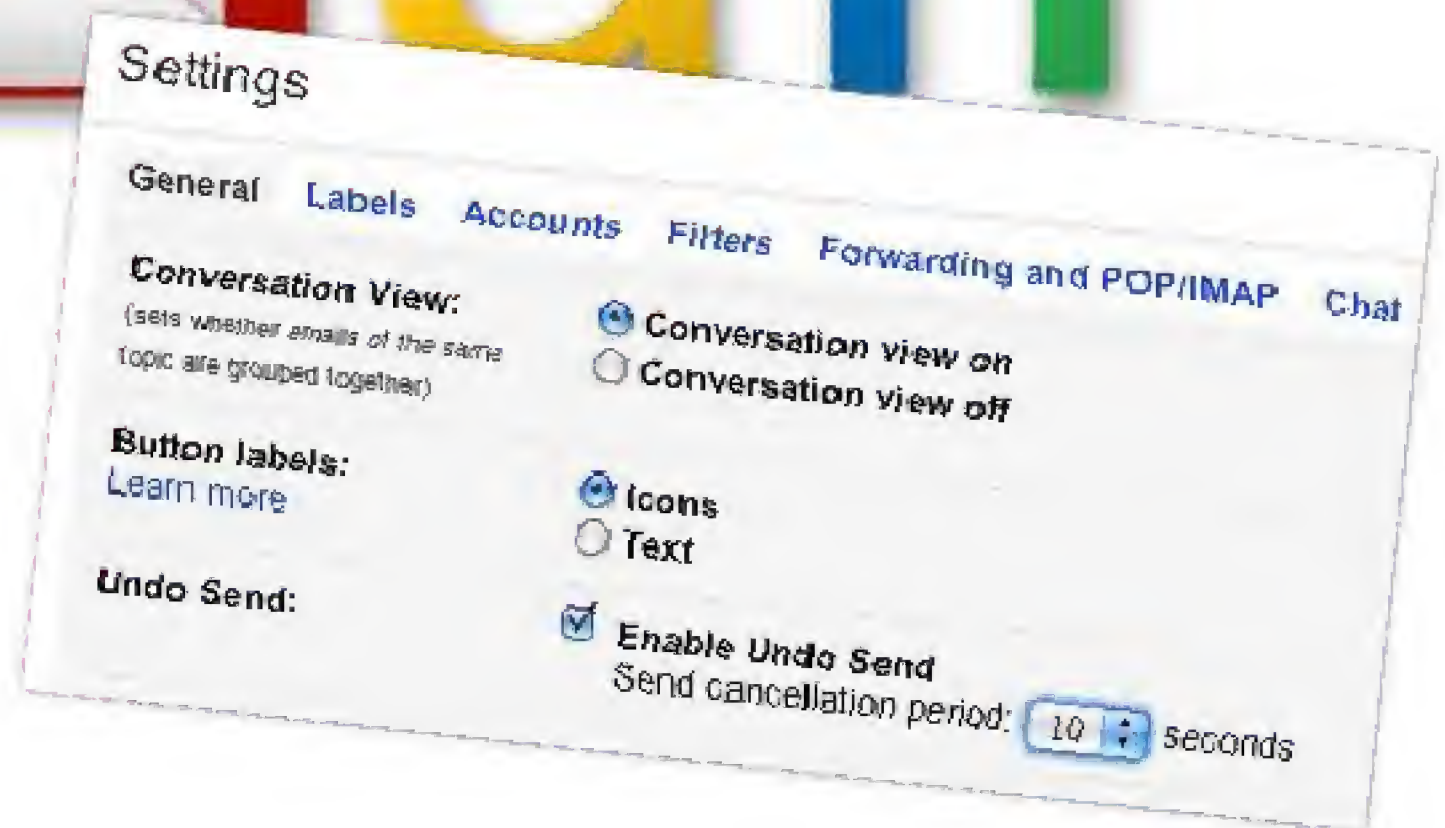
A red carpet event exhibition of "Atelier La Bonne Vie" was recently launched in TopCar a car dealership showroom. Two groups of students, youth and adults participated.

23 children and 13 adults exhibited their work, some in pairs. The exhibition is a collection of paintings in watercolor, pastel, charcoal and acrylic.

The genre is still life, landscape, abstract, realism, surrealism, impressionism, mixed media and much more. Each participant got their own "space" divided with wooden walls to hang their paintings. The exhibition will continue until June 26th from 8 am till 5:30pm. Saturday is the last day of the exhibition from 9am to 11am at TOPCAR.



Gmail now has an 'UNDO SEND' button



REPENTANT emailers everywhere: Gmail just enabled an "undo send" button. Remember that time you wrote something disastrously personal to a friend, but accidentally hit "reply all" and looped in everyone else? There's a way to reverse the damage you've done.

Gmail, the world's most popular email platform, now

gives users the option to set time delay between 5 and 30 seconds before sending an email. You'll have that much time to hit "undo send" and save yourself heartache.

You can enable "undo send" by clicking on the gear wheel icon at the top right of the Gmail display hub, then "Settings."

Google officially announced the news this week. It immediately started updating accounts, but it could take two weeks for this to roll out to everyone.

This option was previously available as an experimental feature in Gmail Labs, but few people know about such things. (You can find Labs and lots of neat features in the "Settings" page.)

Miami Dolphins Owner Links With Qatar to

BUY Formula 1 Motor Racing



INVESTORS hope that Formula 1 can challenge Nascar in the U.S.

The owner of the Miami Dolphins has teamed up with the Persian Gulf state of Qatar to buy a controlling stake in Formula 1 motor racing, the Financial Times reports.

RSE Ventures, which was founded by Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, is aiming to buy 35.5% of the Formula 1 franchise from CVC Capital

Partners. The bid is backed by Qatar Sports Investments, an investment arm of the state of Qatar, which also owns the Paris St Germain soccer club.

Formula 1 motor racing is very popular around the world but not in the United States, which means investors believe it still has great potential to grow and compete with the U.S. Nascar racing series.

Ebola crisis in Guinea

'has set back MALARIA FIGHT'

THE continuing Ebola epidemic in Guinea has set back the country's fight against malaria, say experts. They estimate 74,000 cases of malaria went untreated in 2014 because clinics were either closed or patients were too scared to seek help.

They warn that malaria deaths since the Ebola outbreak began will far exceed the number of Ebola deaths in the country - which now stand at 2,444. Their report is in the Lancet Infectious Diseases journal.

Both Ebola and malaria cause fever. The authors of the Lancet report say fear surrounding the Ebola virus may have stopped patients in Guinea going to see a doctor to get this symptom checked.

'Extra burden'

Dr Mateusz Plucinski and colleagues analysed how many patients clinics in Guinea were seeing before and during the Ebola epidemic that emerged there in early 2014.

They sampled 60 health facilities in the most Ebola-affected districts and 60 in districts unaffected by Ebola.

Once Ebola hit, outpatient attendances fell dramatically - by nearly half in certain age groups in the worst-affected areas. And the number of treated malaria cases dropped by up to 69%.

The US experts warn that malaria deaths will have risen as a result. Meanwhile, Ebola seems to be abating. According to the World Health



Organization

(WHO), in the most recent week for which there is data, there were 10 reported cases of Ebola in Guinea. In early 2015, cases were in the hundreds. But malaria has been a long-standing problem in the region - particularly in the young. WHO estimates suggest it led to around 584,000 deaths globally in 2013. Most occurred among children in Africa. Towards the end of 2014, the World Health Organization recommended mass treatment of

malaria irrespective of symptoms in areas heavily affected by Ebola. This happened in Liberia and Sierra Leone, but not Guinea.

Dr Plucinski said: "Malaria control efforts and care delivery must be kept on track during an Ebola epidemic so that progress made in malaria control is not jeopardised and Ebola outbreak response is not impeded."

Boston marathon BOMBING VICTIMS to face Tsarnaev in court

BOSTON bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is facing his victims in court as he is formally sentenced to death for his role in the 2013 attacks.

People who lost limbs and loved ones in the bombings were able to present impact statements to the court. Many spoke of suffering from insomnia, fear of loud noises and other trauma more than two years after the blasts.

Tsarnaev, who has been silent, could also speak on Wednesday. The April 2013 attacks killed four and injured 264 others. Tsarnaev, who planted the bombs at the finish line of the Boston Marathon with his brother, is expected to appeal the sentence.

During the trial, victims could only discuss the facts of the case.

Seventeen people who lost legs in the attack are present in court. Many say they feared they were going to die after the attack. Tsarnaev carried out the bombing with his late older brother Tamerlan, who died in a shootout with police in the aftermath.

The Tsarnaevs, from the Chechnyan region of Russia, came to the US a decade ago. His defence attorneys argued he was under the influence of his more radicalised brother and deserved life in prison rather than death.





China seizes 40-YEAR-OLD MEAT in crackdown on smugglers'



ALMOST half a billion US dollars worth of smuggled frozen meat - some of it rotting and more than 40 years old - has been seized in China.

More than 100,000 tonnes of chicken wings, beef and pork worth up to three billion yuan (\$648 million) were seized in the nationwide crackdown, the state-run China Daily newspaper said.

"It was smelly, and I nearly threw up when I opened the door," said an official from Hunan province, where 800 tonnes were seized.

Two gangs from the central province were among 14 busted across the country in the operation which concluded earlier this month. A report on the official Hunan propaganda website said that the meat seized locally came from the "border area" with Vietnam, where it was "difficult to control the flow of meat".

But the China Daily report did not specify the frozen meat's origin and the seizures were not reported on the website of China's General Administration of Customs. Officials from Guangxi, a southern region

bordering Vietnam, found some of the meat was "more than 40 years old", the newspaper said.

That would mean it was originally packed and stored when the country was still under the rule of Communist China's founding father Mao Zedong, who died in 1976. The China Daily said smugglers bought cheap meat abroad, shipped it to Hong Kong and on to Vietnam before bringing it to the mainland.

Yang Bo, deputy director of the anti-smuggling bureau in the Hunanese capital Changsha, said they would

often transport the goods in ordinary vehicles, rather than refrigerated ones, to save costs.

"So the meat has often thawed out several times before reaching customers," he added. Poor food safety is a major concern in China, where standards are lax and scandals involving tainted products are common.

China was rocked by one of its biggest-ever food safety scandals in 2008 when the industrial chemical melamine was found to have been illegally added to dairy products, killing at least six babies and making 300,000 people ill.

Obama to announce

CHANGES to US hostage POLICY



PRESIDENT Barack Obama will announce changes to how the US government handles hostage situations that involve American citizens.

The current policy makes it illegal for families of US hostages to pay ransoms to secure the hostage's release. His administration has drawn criticism for the policy, and reports say that the government will no longer threaten the families with prosecution.

The changes come at the conclusion of a six-month review into the US policy.

The shift raises questions about whether it increases the value of US hostages, and whether it makes Americans living and working abroad a more lucrative target for kidnapping.

The White House has also drawn fire for the inconsistent way that the policy of not negotiating with hostage-takers has been applied.

The Associated Press news agency, citing unnamed US officials, says that the change in policy will allow government employees to facilitate negotiations between the hostages' families and the hostage-takers.

However, it will continue to prohibit the US government from directly paying ransoms or offering other concessions.

To date, the US Justice Department has never prosecuted anyone for paying a ransom, and Mr Obama is expected to make clear that this will continue to be the case.

By contrast, many European governments regularly pay a ransom to win the release of their citizens who have been taken hostage.

When this fact is cited, US officials have maintained that making payments makes hostage-taking a more attractive proposition and provides a source of income for militant groups.

The policy has long frustrated the hostage's families, who have felt that they had few options to win back their loved ones, and some have said that the policy provided government officials with an excuse to avoid answering the families' questions.

"We had no one accountable for Jim," said Diane Foley, the mother of James Foley, who was killed by his captors last summer.

Mr Obama will make the announcement on Wednesday shortly after meeting with the families of several US citizens who have been taken hostage abroad.

ISIS DESTROYS ancient city shrines of Palmyra



Samsung's

'See-THROUGH'

trucks aim to reduce risk of passing on highway

NAVIGATING busy two-lane highways can mean drivers often can't see the road for the cars and take a risk that can prove fatal when they attempt to overtake large vehicles like transport trucks.

The Korean technology giant Samsung wants to reduce that risk with the help of technology that allows drivers to virtually see "through" the vehicles ahead of them. Using monitors mounted on the back of a truck or other large vehicle and connected wirelessly to a camera in front, Samsung's Safety Truck technology shows drivers what's ahead of the 18-wheeled obstruction they're driving behind — day or night.

Samsung believes it could save

lives and limit accidents caused by overtaking and sudden braking. It built a prototype that was tested on the roads in Argentina, where two-lane roads are common and traffic accidents are among the leading causes of death, according to healthdata.org.

In Canada, road accidents are the eighth-leading cause of premature death.

Tests are still required to ensure Samsung's technology complies with national safety protocols and receives the necessary permits and

approvals to make the Safety Truck road-ready, the company said.

Samsung is not the first company to introduce such "see-through" technology for automobiles. Keio University in Japan developed

a technology for the Toyota Prius that makes the car's interiors appear transparent using cameras mounted on the back and sides of the car and projecting the images onto the interiors. This allows Prius drivers to see things outside the car that they normally couldn't see.



ISIS fighters have destroyed two ancient Muslim shrines in the oasis city of Palmyra, the Syrian government confirmed Wednesday, the latest act of cultural vandalism by the Sunni extremists.

ISIS seized control of Palmyra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back 2,000 years, last month, prompting fears for the site's survival.

An email sent on behalf of Syria's antiquities chief, Maamoun Abdulkarim, head of the Directorate-General of Antiquities and Museums, said the body had heard four days ago from people in Palmyra of the shrines' destruction.

"ISIS has blown up two ancient Muslim shrines in Palmyra, and has published photos of this awful crime against the Syrian cultural heritage on Facebook," the statement said.

One of the tombs destroyed is that of Mohammed bin Ali, a descendent of Ali bin Abi Taleb, the Prophet Mohammed's cousin, the DGAM said. It's located in a hilly area 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) north of Palmyra. "ISIS militants also blew up the shrine of Shagaf, known as Abu Behaeddine, a religious figure from Palmyra, dated to 500 years ago. The shrine is located in the oasis 500 meters away from the Ancient City's Arch of Triumph," the statement said. Images posted on the DGAM website show dust and debris flying into the air as the shrines are destroyed.

«Extraordinary fusion»

Palmyra, also known as the "bride of the desert," is an exquisite collection of ruins in the desert northeast of Damascus that was once a monumental city sitting on an important trade route linking Persia, India and China with the Roman Empire.

Its history as an important caravan city at the crossroads of ancient civilizations is reflected in the eclectic mix of architectural styles found among its colonnades and temples.

British historian and novelist Tom Holland describes the site as "an extraordinary fusion of classical and Iranian influences intermixed with various Arab influence as well."

Destruction of Palmyra wouldn't just be a tragedy for Syria, it would be a loss for the entire world, he told CNN last month.

"This isn't just about Middle Eastern history -- these are the wellsprings of the entire global culture. Mesopotamia, Iraq, Syria, this is the wellspring of global civilization. It really couldn't be higher stakes in terms of conservation."

Netherlands ordered to **CUT greenhouse** **GAS EMISSIONS**



A DUTCH court has ordered the government to cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least 25% by 2020, in a case environmentalists hope will set a precedent for other countries.

Campaigners brought the case on behalf of almost 900 Dutch citizens. They argued the government had a legal obligation to protect its citizens from the dangers of climate change. Government lawyers did not immediately comment on the ruling at the court in The Hague. Jasper Teulings from Greenpeace called it a "landmark case".

"It shifts the whole debate. Other cases are being brought in Belgium, the Philippines. This is the start of a wave of climate litigation." The judgment was unprecedented in Europe, and unexpected. It pushes the Dutch government to honour its commitment to cut emissions.

In terms of the practical implementation, the government has already agreed to close coal plants, increase the use of

windmills

and solar energy and drastically reduce gas extractions in the north of the country.

The court case puts pressure on the government to speed up the process in order to meet the targets and become more energy efficient within the next five years.

The judgment is legally binding, and based on "Tort Law" - a general and universal concept which essentially refers to a duty to refrain from causing harm.

The court ruled that based on current policy, the Netherlands would only achieve a 17% reduction at most in 2020, which is less than other nations.

"The parties agree that the severity and

magnitude of climate change make it necessary to take measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," it said.

The lawsuit was brought under human rights laws by the sustainability foundation Urgenda, which said - and the court agreed - that the Netherlands had a duty of care to its citizens and to improve the environment.

It argued that unless rapid action was taken, the next half of this century would see extreme weather, shrinking ice caps and shortages of food and water.

Low-lying Netherlands is especially vulnerable, and must now cut its

emissions by a quarter compared with 1990 levels. Coal and gas provide much of the Netherlands' energy needs, with the country lagging behind neighbours Denmark and Germany in the use of renewables, our correspondent adds.

The Dutch government can appeal to a higher court and it is not clear yet how the ruling will be enforced. The European Union recently set a target of reducing emissions by 40% by 2030.

A major conference on climate change is due later this year, with negotiators aiming to strike a global deal limiting temperature increases to no more than two degrees over pre-industrial levels.

Manuel Pellegrini:

Jose Mourinho 'wants to take credit for everything'

MANUEL Pellegrini has continued his running feud with Jose Mourinho by criticising his rival's approach to winning.

Pellegrini believes Mourinho wanted personal credit and attention for winning the Premier League title – something the Chilean insists he did not do the previous year when City won the same competition.

The City boss complained about Chelsea's defensive tactics when they faced his side last season – but the pair's war of words goes back to 2010 when Mourinho succeeded Pellegrini as Real Madrid boss. They went toe-to-toe for the first time in March 2011 when Real Madrid beat Malaga 7-0.

"When he wins, Mourinho wants to take credit for everything," Pellegrini told Chile's El Mercurio newspaper. "I never do that. When I won the Premier League, I didn't say a word.

"I don't have any problem with Mourinho. He's not my enemy and there isn't any conflict – but I differ from him on all fronts. I have no interest in analyzing him as a person."

Mourinho poked fun at his Manchester City in his end-of-season awards dinner speech, saying: "After that there was another team (wearing sky blue shirts) that was less radical and they asked to play only with one goal.

"They were fantastic and they scored a lot of goals and the goals were coming from every position and they score and they score and they score, but they never conceded goals, because... no goal.

"Again, the international board told them, 'I'm sorry, you can't be champions because football is with two goals'.



Liverpool **SIGN** Roberto **Firmino** from Hoffenheim



LIVERPOOL has completed the signing of Brazil forward Roberto Firmino from Hoffenheim in a £21.3m deal.

Formerly with Figueirense in Brazil, Firmino can play anywhere across the front three, and is currently on Copa America duty with Brazil.

Liverpool chief executive Ian Ayre flew to Chile to get the deal done, and did so in the early hours of Wednesday morning, UK time - though the deal is still subject to a medical that will not take place until after Brazil has concluded their participation in the Copa America.

According to sources, Liverpool will pay £21.3m now, but the fee could eventually rise to £28m which

would make him Liverpool's second most expensive player after Andy Carroll.

Firmino, 23, is Liverpool's fifth signing of the summer as boss Brendan Rodgers rebuilds his squad following a disappointing Premier League campaign. Danny Ings, Adam Bodgan, Joe Gomez and James Milner have also been brought in.

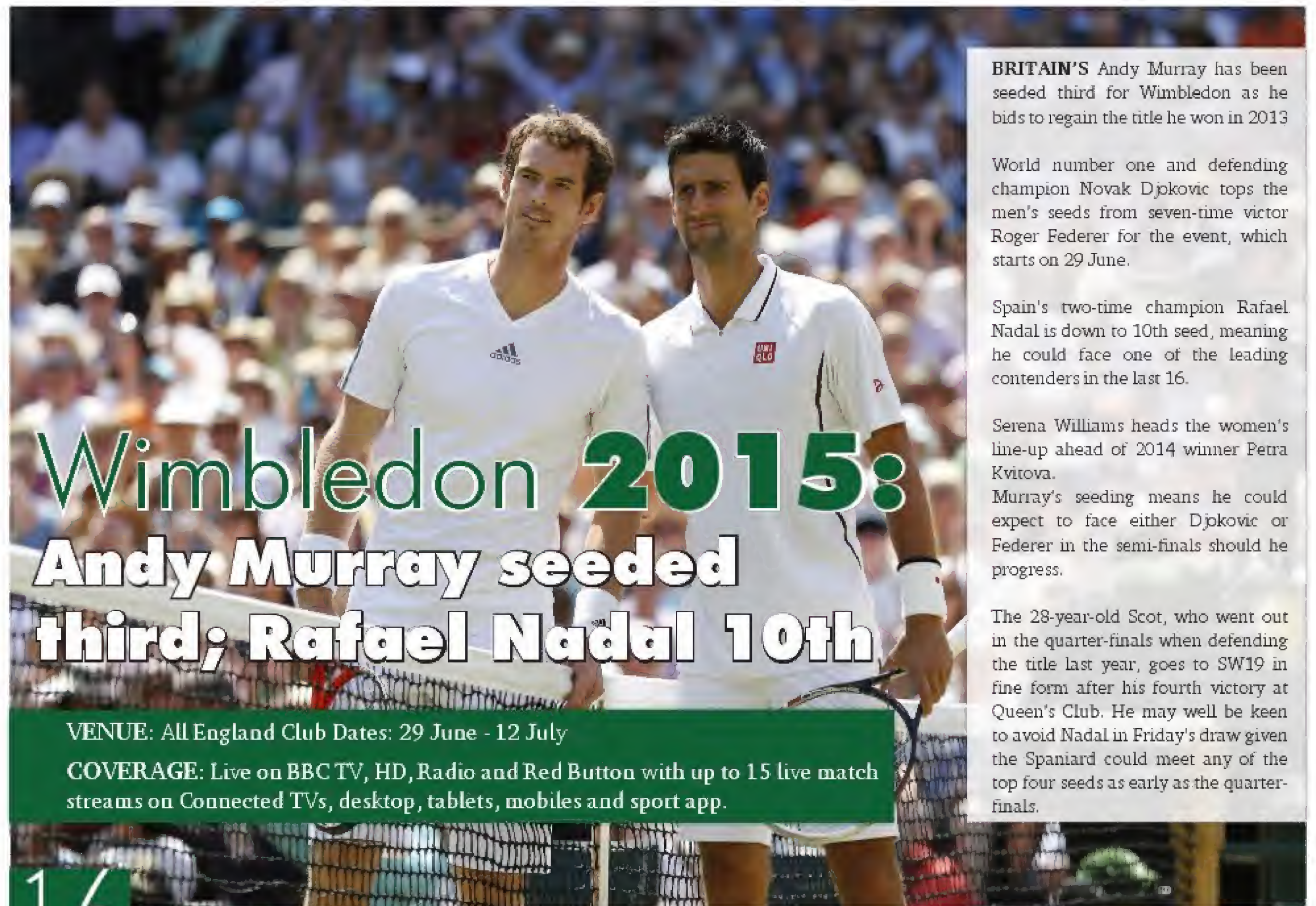
The Reds have so far resisted two offers from Manchester City for Raheem Sterling but Firmino's arrival - on what Sky sources understand is a five-year deal - could see City resurrect their interest in the England international.

Firmino

arrived at Hoffenheim at the start of 2011 having been signed for £3.52m as a 19-year-old, and has scored 48 times in 152 appearances for the German side, notching seven times in the Bundesliga last term.

And he was also on target for Brazil in their 2-1 Copa America victory over Venezuela on Sunday.

In the absence of Neymar, who has been suspended for the rest of the event, Firmino and Philippe Coutinho - now Liverpool team-mates - are set to start again in Saturday's quarter final against Paraguay.



Wimbledon **2015:** **Andy Murray seeded third; Rafael Nadal 10th**

BRITAIN'S Andy Murray has been seeded third for Wimbledon as he bids to regain the title he won in 2013.

World number one and defending champion Novak Djokovic tops the men's seeds from seven-time victor Roger Federer for the event, which starts on 29 June.

Spain's two-time champion Rafael Nadal is down to 10th seed, meaning he could face one of the leading contenders in the last 16.

Serena Williams heads the women's line-up ahead of 2014 winner Petra Kvitova.

Murray's seeding means he could expect to face either Djokovic or Federer in the semi-finals should he progress.

The 28-year-old Scot, who went out in the quarter-finals when defending the title last year, goes to SW19 in fine form after his fourth victory at Queen's Club. He may well be keen to avoid Nadal in Friday's draw given the Spaniard could meet any of the top four seeds as early as the quarter-finals.

VENUE: All England Club Dates: 29 June - 12 July

COVERAGE: Live on BBC TV, HD, Radio and Red Button with up to 15 live match streams on Connected TVs, desktop, tablets, mobiles and sport app.